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PART I

Punjab Government Notifications and Orders

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS & JUSTICE

(Judicial-II Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 14th October, 2022

No. 06/23/2018-4JUD2/5160.-In order to address the issue of inordinate delay in trials of under- trials, the State and District Nodal Agencies are hereby constituted and their roles and duties are as under:

1. State Nodal Agency

(A) Constitution:

The constitution of State Nodal Agency shall be as follows:

(i) IG, Law and Order, Punjab	(Head)
(ii) DIG, Prisons, Punjab	(Member)
(iii) Director, Prosecution and Litigation, Punjab	(Member)

(B) Roles/Duties:

(a) State Nodal Agency shall nominate district-wise and prison-wise nodal officers of the rank of Superintendent/Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police under intimation to Director General of Police, Punjab and Additional Director General of Police (Jails), Punjab...

(b) State Nodal Agency shall review the working of District Nodal Agencies and redress the problems faced by them.

(c) State Nodal Agency shall make sure that the meticulous compliance of the advisory and notification issued by Home Department, Punjab vide letter No. 6/23/2018-4Jud2/2692-2701, dated 13.08.2018 and letter No. 06/46/2019-4ud2/4516, dated 29.08.2022 respectively is ensured by all the concerned officers/officials.

2. District Nodal Agency:

(A) Constitution:

The constitution of District Nodal Agency shall be as follows:

(i) Superintendent of Police/Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police	(Nodal Officer, Police Department)
(i) Superintendent, Prisons	(Nodal Officer, Jails Department)
(iii) District Attorney	(Member)
(iv) District Informatics Officer of NIC	(Member)

(B) Roles/Duties:

(a) Superintendent Prisons being Nodal Officer from Prisons Department shall ensure timely handing-over of the under-trials prisoners to earmarked police party after carrying out necessary procedural formalities in the morning for ensuring that the under-trials reach the Court for hearing in time.

(b) Nodal Officer, Prisons shall ensure that relevant entries are made in ePrisons on daily basis for recording hearing dates of under-trials so that correct information about number of under-trials scheduled to be sent for production in Courts on a particular day be readily available as per Report-70 of ePrisons, for sharing the same with Police Department for arranging the required police escort. A month wise list of hearings including the hearings to be conducted through Video conferencing shall be communicated to the Superintendent of Police of concerned district and SHO by 27th of each month.

(c) In case, a short date is fixed by the Courts for production of accused/under-trials, Superintendent, Prisons of the concerned district shall send the report/information on the same day to the concerned Police Station, (District) Police Control Room and to the authority concerned for making arrangements for requisite guard and escort vehicle so that the under-trials be produced before the Courts concerned on the date of hearing.

(d) Superintendent Prisons shall identify cases in which there is already one or more missed peshis of under-trial prisoners and at the time of writing to police for providing escort, this fact shall be mentioned in the requisition letter that these undertrials have already missed peshis in the Courts concerned on these particular dates and therefore, it should be ensured that requisite guard should be provided in all these cases in order to avoid any adverse orders from Courts concerned. He/she shall further ensure that earlier first missed peshi is not missed for second time.

(e) NIC, Delhi shall bring necessary changes in ePrisons application whenever such requirements arise in Prisons Department so that concerned Superintendent Prisons to further streamline the procedure. District Informatics Officer (NIC) concerned shall ensure beforehand that VC equipments are properly functioning so that appearance of under- trials/accused through VC before courts concerned is conducted smoothly.

(f) Superintendent Prisons shall ensure proper upkeep of their VC equipments along with laid network in jails all the time in order to produce maximum under-trials through VC for both remand & trial purposes. District Informatics Officers (NIC) shall provide the required support to Jail authorities in this regard

(g) Police Department shall earmark more dedicated escort vehicles for producing under-trial prisoners to respective Courts as per Section 18 of Punjab Prisoners (Attendance in courts Rules, 1969). Nodal officer shall ensure that the alternate arrangement is made, if dedicated escort vehicle from Police line is not available for any reason.

(h) In case, Police is not able to provide requisite escort/guard to produce under-trials in a particular Court, an intimation, in this regard, to the concerned District Attorney and Jail Authorities, should also be sent so that the Court be requested by them in advance to allow production of these under-trial prisoners through VC.

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